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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Lubenow et al.

Serial No.: 09/812,541

ART UNIT: 1655

Filed: March 20, 2001

Entitled: Methods for Separating Particulate
Substrates from Solution While Minimizing
Particle Loss

EXAMINER: A. Chakrabarti

Atty. Docket No.: QGN-004.0 US-1

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

Applicants submit this Response to the Office Action (Paper No. 7), mailed April 3, 2002, finally rejecting the claims in the above-identified application. A Petition for a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action along with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) accompany this Response.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 5, 6, 7, 15, 16, 32, 36, 37, 38, 46, and 47.

Please add new Claims as indicated below.

Please amend the claims as indicated below and on a separate sheet and in clean form pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i). A version of the amended claims with markings on a separate sheet pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii) is provided in Appendix A, and a complete set of pending claims, as amended herein, is provided pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) in Appendix B.

Amended Claims in Clean Form Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i)

2. (twice amended) A method for isolating a fusion protein, wherein said fusion protein